South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Patient Group Direction
Administration of Loperamide
By Registered Nurses employed by South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare Foundation NHS Trust

This Patient Group Direction for use in South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and is authorised by:			
Position of Signatory	**Name**	**Signed**	**Date**
Medical Director	Dr Abid Khan		
Chief Pharmacist	Cathy Riley		
Director of Quality & Clinical Performance	Therèsa Moyes		
Director of Nursing & Chief Operating Officer	Alison Bussey		

The named below, being employees of South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are authorised to administer Loperamide, to In Patients , under this Patient Group Direction

Name	Job Title	Signed	Date

This Patient Group Direction is operational from April 2017. Review date: Feb 2019. Expires 30th April 2019.

This PGD replaces PGD 2815

Professional Responsibility

All registered nurses and non medical prescribers being employees of South Staffordshire & Shropshire HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust are authorised to administer Loperamide, as specified under this Patient Group direction, in an in-patient setting, following demonstration of the competencies below:

Professional Responsibility / Competencies

1. The registered nurse will have undertaken appropriate training to carry out clinical assessment of patient that requires treatment according to the indications listed in the PGD

2. All nurses will have received training in the management and treatment of anaphylactic shock on an annual basis

3. Each nurse will keep a record in their professional portfolio of the updates attended during every 12 month period – This information will also form part of the team's annual training plan

4. The nurse will have due regard for the NMC Code of Conduct, Scope of Professional Practice and Standards for Medicines Management

5. Undertaken appropriate training and possess the competencies for working under PGDs for the supply and administration of medicines

6. All registered nurses details and signature must be entered on the PGD

7. Following administration a record of the date, and dose of the medicine should be recorded in the clients records**,** and within the As Required section of the medicine card, with PGD Number being inserted in place of prescriber's instructions

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For full product information, always refer to the latest SPC (Summary of Product Characteristics).

If the anaphylaxis is related to a medication, please remember to report to the CSM, via a Yellow Card Report (http://emc.medicines.org.uk)

Administration of	Loperamide 2mg Capsules
Legal Classification	POM
Black Triangle?	No
Type	Capsules
Storage	Locked cupboard
Condition to be treated	Symptomatic relief of acute diarrhoea
Inclusion Criteria	• Adults, under 65 years, with acute diarrhoea who are in-patients
Exclusion Criteria	• Conditions where inhibition of peristalsis should be avoided, where abdominal distension develops, or in conditions such as active ulcerative colitis or antibiotic associated colitis • Pregnancy • Hepatic impairment
Action if excluded or patient declines	Document in notes and contact Duty Doctor
Reasons for seeking further advice from doctor	If no response, see duty doctor
Administration Route	Oral
Dose	4mg initially, followed by 2mg
Administration Schedule	As required, orally, after each loose stool No more than 16mg in 24 hours Total dose to be administered using PGD - no more than 8 doses per month
Warnings/Adverse Reactions	Interacts with desmopressin. For full list of interactions, check BNF Abdominal cramps, dizziness, drowsiness, and skin reactions including urticaria, paralytic ileus and abdominal bloating **For full details see Summary of Product Characteristics**
Advice/Management of Adverse Reactions &	Ensure follow up arrangements for further care as appropriate

Follow-up Action	Ensure administration is recorded in patients notes
Records	The following should be recorded in the patient's notes: • Name of preparation • Dose • Route of administration • Date and time given • Signature of person administering the medicine • Reason for administration and the administration also recorded in the medicine card/electronic prescribing & medicines administration record, with the PGD Number recorded as authorisation.